

**Town of Woodstock  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 22, 2015  
7:00 PM – Room A**

**PRESENT:** D. Mitchell Eaffy, Chandler Paquette, Allan Walker, Jr.  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Diane Miller, Kevin Withers, Joni Cullan

**1. Call to Order**

Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Paquette moved** to add to the agenda as Item 2a: Consider the Appointment of Kenneth Ebbitt as an Alternate of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term of January 26, 2015 through November 17, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Approve the Minutes of January 8, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting and January 12, 2015 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**

**Eaffy moved** to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting and January 12, 2015 Special Board of Selectmen Meetings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2a. Consider the Appointment of Kenneth Ebbitt as an Alternate of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term of January 26, 2015 through November 17, 2015**

**Paquette moved** to appoint Kenneth Ebbitt as an Alternate of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term of January 26, 2015 through November 17, 2015. Mr. Ebbitt will be resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Consider a Resolution of Endorsement for the Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Applications**

NECCOG annually submits grant applications on behalf of the region to be considered under the Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant. Some of the items to be included in the grant proposal are things that Woodstock could participate in if approved. **Eaffy moved and the motion carried unanimously** to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Woodstock endorses the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposals referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s (2014 Supplement): 1) Three Town Implementation Plan, 2) Value-Added Agriculture Feasibility Study, 3) Regional IT Assistance Pilot, 4) Back Office Functions, 5) Enhanced Animal Services Facility, 6) Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility and 7) Regional Economic Development/Marketing Incentive.

In addition, the Board of Selectmen authorizes Allan D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman, to act on this endorsement by signing all necessary agreements and taking all necessary actions related to this proposal to enter into a binding agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to terms of the RPI grant program.

Allan D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman  
D. Mitchell Eaffy, Selectman  
Chandler Paquette, Selectman

Attest: Judy Walberg, Town Clerk

#### **4. Discussion Regarding Timber Harvest on Town Property Located at Perrin/Quarry Roads**

The Selectmen stated that after participating in a site walk on the property, they are even more convinced that harvesting timber at the Perrin/Quarry Road property is the right thing to do for the Town. When standing in the wooded area and looking around at the trees, it was very clear that the number of trees marked for harvesting were small in number compared to what is in the forest. They remarked that they are extremely disappointed and frustrated with the spread of misinformation throughout the process. Being able to generate \$135,000 would have been financially beneficial to the Town as well as responsible land management of that property. The limited funds available to explore this project have now been exhausted. It was agreed that the First Selectman will send a letter to direct the Conservation Commission to aggressively take all the steps necessary to resurrect this project, and also to remind Conservation Commission members that the agreement to access the property with the neighboring land owner expires September 2015. In addition, the letter will request that the Commission investigate harvesting possibilities on each of the Town's properties. Selectman Eaffy thanked fellow Selectmen, Chandler Paquette and Allan Walker, Jr., for their efforts to bring this project to fruition.

#### **5. Tax Rebates**

None.

#### **6. Correspondence and Announcements**

None.

#### **7. Citizen's Comments**

Kevin Withers agrees that the timber harvest project should be moved forward. Diane Miller said that there are people who only see things one way. Selectman Eaffy shared that he and his wife have signed up for the solar program being offered for the residents of town. He has had four or five companies contact me with estimates. It is use the on-line

program. The opportunity is an especially great investment for young people who will be in their homes for a long time.

**8. Adjournment**

**Paquette moved** to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk